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ROBERT K. PAGANI Chairman TOWN OF ELLINGTON AUG 3 2005

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BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 RICHARD J. CLEARY ROBERT J. CLEMENTS VAUGHN E. GERBER MARK A. JOYSE BARRY C. PINTO

Board of Finance Members Present: Robert K. Pagani-Chairman, Robert J. Clements, Vaughn E. Gerber, Mark A. Joyse, Barry C. Pinto

Board of Finance Members Absent: Richard J. Cleary

Chairman Robert Pagani opened the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2005 AS WRITTEN.

MOTION (GERBER) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2005 AS WRITTEN.

**New Business** 

Tax Collector's Suspense List – The Tax Collector is recommending that \$18,603.85 be approved for suspense for the 2001 grand list. The Tax Collector still makes attempts to collect the back taxes after they are put on the suspense list. The Finance Officer and Tax Collector have discussed the possibility of not allowing any vehicle tax payments to be divided over two payments. All would be due in July.

MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED TO ACCEPT THE SUSPENSE LIST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,603.85 PER MEMO OF 6/7/05.

**Transfer of Contingency** - As of June 30, 2005 the balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$1,817,608. After the transfer of \$125,000 from 04-05, the balance will be \$1,942,608.

Barry Pinto arrived.

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Mr. Clements asked if this amount could be segregated and put into long term investments which earn greater returns. It was decided that the contingency would be discussed further at the September meeting.

Mr. Pagani received a request from the Conservation Commission regarding the Open Space Program and how the Board of Finance feels it should proceed. Both Mr. Joyse and Mr. Gerber feel that the Town needs to do something about it to protect Ellington's future land growth. Mr. Clements feels it is a great idea, but doesn't know where the funds will come from. Mr. Pinto felt that that Town should put something out there to test the waters, but doesn't think there is enough support for it by the taxpayers to fund it. This item will also be put on the September agenda for discussion.

Mr. Pagani asked Mr. DiCorleto if the Crystal Lake Fire Dept. had submitted their paperwork regarding their charging funds. He stated that they had, but no funds were submitted. Mr. Pagani wants the fund to be audited with the Town audit just as the Ambulance Corps fund is. Center Fire Dept. is still working on this for their department. The Chairman would like to see all charging funds set up the same and part of the town for auditing. He would like to see a certain portion put aside for capital equipment and the rest to offset the operating budgets to take some of the pressure off the Town budgets.

Adjournment

MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (JOYSE) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 PM.

Lori Smith, Clerk